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## BZA Denies Western's Appeal NCPC Endorses WETA Project

On March 2nd, the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) voted 4-0 to uphold an earlier Zoning Administrator's ruling that Western Presbyterian Church cannot operate a feeding program without first obtaining approval by the city. As a result of the ruling, Western must apply and obtain approval from the BZA before Miriam's Kitchen can operate at the Church's new location at 24th & G Streets.

In response to ANC 2A and Foggy Bottom Association requests, Joseph Bottner, the District's Zoning Administrator, ruled last September that zoning regulations do not allow a feeding program at the church's new location which is zoned "Special Purpose" or SP-2. Western appealed this decision to the BZA.

The SP-2 zoning category is intended to govern transitional areas between commercial and residential zones. Activities within the SP-2 zone which are not customary require "use variances." According to the BZA ruling, Western Presbyterian must now apply for a use variance to operate the proposed feeding program. Without such a variance, the Church could be subject to fines and other administrative actions if it proceeds with the feeding program.

The BZA held three hearings in January and February at which  
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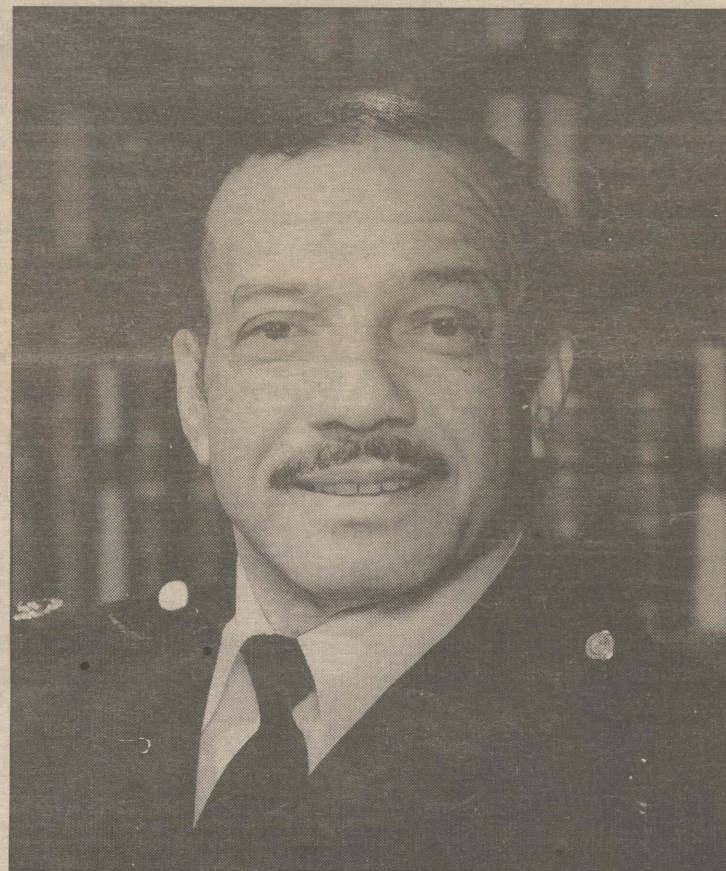
On March 3rd, the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) voted 7-5 to support the proposed WETA/George Washington University Telecommunications Center at 21st and H Streets, NW. NCPC reviews all zoning projects to ensure that the federal interests in the Comprehensive Plan are not violated. The decision endorses the D.C. Zoning Commission's prior approval of the project.

The executive staff at NCPC had submitted a report which  
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### Metro Plans to Re-Route M-12

At a recent hearing, Metro decided to re-route the M-12 shuttle bus which currently runs from Kennedy Center to Georgetown Hospital. According to Martha Long, notice was not posted on the M-12 buses prior to the hearing. The proposal is to run the bus from Federal Triangle, passing the Foggy Bottom Metro stop, but eliminating the stop at Kennedy Center. Ms. Long states that the bus is used by many elderly residents at Watergate and nearby buildings, some of whom are outpatients at Georgetown Hospital, and need this bus to reach their treatment. It was the only way for them to get to the FB Metro on recent icy days.

Persons interested in this matter should call Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans at 724-8058. Evans, in addition to being FB's Councilmember, is Chairman of the Metro Board of Directors.



## FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Speaker:**

**Fred Thomas  
D.C. Chief of Police**

**Monday, March 28, 1994  
St. Paul's Parish House  
2430 K Street, N.W.  
7:30 p.m.**

*(Next Meeting: Monday, April 25)*

### Tyler & Lauda Sue ANC-2A Chair

On March 4th, Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Commissioners Maria Tyler and Ramona Lauda filed a complaint in the D.C. Superior Court against ANC-2A Chair Jean Swift. Dorothy Miller, a Foggy Bottom resident, also signed the complaint against Commissioner Swift. The three plaintiffs requested a declaratory judgment that Jean Swift be barred under the conflict of interest requirements of the ANC from voting on any matter involving the interest of the West End Apartment building. They also requested that the defendant pay for their costs associated with bringing this action. Ms. Swift was ordered to appear before the D.C. Superior Court on June 3, 1994.

The action stems from a February 27 Special Meeting by ANC-2A in which the Commission voted 4-1 to send a letter of intent to the George Washington University outlining the basis for a compromise over the proposed Marvin Center renovation. This action followed a February 22 ANC 2A Special Meeting in which the Commission unanimously agreed to enter into negotiations with the University. The compromise would include an alternative design which would be less intrusive to the neighboring West End Apartment building. The alternative design was developed by an architect retained by the West End Tenants Association and partially funded through an ANC-2A grant. The letter of intent also references construction and operating conditions which were unanimously approved by ANC-2A at its regularly scheduled  
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## The Becker Beat



In the midst of or just after our worst siege of bad weather, an evening at Coolidge High School warmed things up for me and a whole host of others. It was a concert by the D.C. Youth Symphony, and it was a pleasure to the eyes and ears.

What drew us to the performance was a work commissioned by the orchestra from composer Chris Royal. One might say Chris plays his trumpet as beautifully as Gabriel must, and his Lament was in memory of Martin Luther King.

Chris some years ago lived on Eye Street, and his musical career has mirrored his talent. The legendary Lena Horne and the Smithsonian Jazz series are among those for whom his horn has sounded. It was a treat indeed to see this local boy make good.

It was also a treat to see the hundreds of small, medium and larger youngsters performing in the various sections of this program. Some are as young as six, and their feet don't reach anywhere near the floor, but their sound is surprisingly mature for their ages. And each

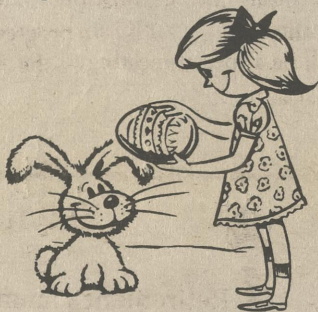
succeeding performance presents older youngsters with increasing skill; the last could easily be heard in a symphony hall.

This program was founded over 30 years ago, and in the mid-1980's 25% of black performers in U.S. symphony orchestras had been trained in the DCYO program. As more such programs were founded, the percentage decreased but still stands about 10% — a record achievement.

One graduate is Michael Morgan, music director of the Oakland East Bay Symphony and assistant conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Another is Judy Dines, a recent DCYO alumna who joined a major orchestra in Houston.

But an evening at a DCYO concert brings out other feelings of pride — those of the parents of the orchestra members, the pride of the kids themselves, and pride any observer can take in the talent of the young people of this city.

Jane Alexander made a pertinent point: "I contend that if you give a child a paint brush or a clarinet, he or she won't pick up a gun."



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## On Ice: Think Safety, Not Lawsuit

Personal injury and medical malpractice lawyer Jack Olender arrived at St. Mary's Court recently to tell the IONA Senior Services luncheon how events on the law scene will affect seniors. But the audience switched topics and they questioned him about who and how to sue after a fall and injury on somebody's icy sidewalk.

Olender, longtime Foggy Bottom resident and frequent speaker to the IONA luncheon and other Foggy Bottom groups, said "When you begin a walk, don't start thinking about suing. Think about walking carefully.

"There's no jackpot in icy sidewalk cases," he said. "They are very difficult to win. Judges and juries generally feel you know the ice is there a you know the risk in walking t."

Olender told the group he would rather urge them to be careful and keep their health. Don't slip and fall. Olender later stated that most laws requiring removal of ice from walks say something about making "reasonable effort." And "reasonable effort" is interpreted in many ways. He added: "For the duration of this winter, I'd rather put that kind of law business on ice."

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**BZA Denies**

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representatives from the Church and the Foggy Bottom and West End community presented testimony in support or opposition to the Zoning Administrator's ruling. Western argued that feeding the poor was a customary activity for a church which did not require city approval. Western further stated that operating a feeding program was a religious right consistent with the newly enacted Religious Freedom Act signed by President Clinton last year.

Community representatives defended the Zoning Administrator's action and claimed that a kitchen with a capacity to feed up to 360 people was not a typical church program and could pose serious public safety concerns to the neighborhood. Furthermore, opponents of the appeal argued that other church programs are regulated, including, for example, regulations that control parochial schools and other feeding programs such as Meals on Wheels.

Western Presbyterian plans to appeal the BZA decision and has threatened to operate a feeding program without city approval.

**Tyler & Lauda Sue**

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meeting on February 10. The West End Apartment building is a rental apartment building where Commissioner Swift resides.

Prior to the February 27 meeting, Ms. Swift, current chair of ANC-2A, contacted the office of the D.C. Corporation Counsel and the D.C. Office of Campaign Finance regarding whether or not her residence in the West End constituted a conflict of interest. Both indicated that they had rendered "no conflict" opinions in similar cases. Subsequently ANC-2A voted 4-1, with Commissioner Lauda absent, to send the letter of intent to the University. Jean Swift supported the motion while Maria Tyler opposed it.

According to the memorandum prepared by Tyler, et al., which was filed with the D.C. Superior Court and attached to the Complaint for Declaratory Judgment, the ANC 2A "resolution failed to include as a precondition for BZA approval of the Marvin Center project the re-opening of the campus plan in order to eliminate the objectionable conditions created by the George Washington University's off-campus student housing in the Foggy Bottom residential neighborhood . . . This Resolution would not have passed if Chairperson Jean Swift, who is a tenant of the West End apartment building, had recused herself from the vote. . . ."

The D.C. Corporation Counsel has agreed to file a motion to dismiss the case against Commissioner Swift.

**Foggy Bottom News****Letters****Buildings Not Sold**

The statement in the ANC Highlights (March 1994) that the Howard Johnson Lodge has been purchased by George Washington University is not true. I would appreciate your printing a retraction in the forthcoming issue.

Janice Abdolbashar  
Assistant Manager

Retraction: The *News* apologizes for and retracts the item concerning GWU's purchase of Howard Johnson's, the Allen Lee Hotel, and One Washington Circle. The University has owned the Riverside Apartments for some time.

And FB residents hope those buildings stay just as they are! Ed.

**St. Paul's Organ Needs Help**

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**In My Opinion —**

In what may mark a new chapter in University-Community relations, the George Washington University, ANC-2A, and the West End Tenants Association are approaching agreement on a compromise plan for expansion of the GWU Marvin Center. As originally proposed by GWU, the expansion would have had a very negative impact on the quality of life at the West End Apartments. Tenants there have been negotiating with the University in recent months to minimize this impact and to improve operating conditions at the Marvin Center. Last month, the University accepted the tenants' proposal, provided that the ANC would join in as third party to an agreement.

ANC-2A held a special meeting on Sunday, February 27, to discuss these developments and to review a proposed ANC resolution and Letter of Intent. The Letter of Intent provides a framework for an eventual agreement among the three parties and ensures that the West End/Foggy Bottom community's broader interests are protected. While some at the meeting believed that the ANC should not enter into an agreement with GWU unless it addressed *all* of the community's concerns, the majority believed that support should be given to residents of the West End Apartments so long as doing so would not detract from other issues under discussion with the University.

The Board of Zoning Adjustment was scheduled to rule on the Marvin Center issue on March 2, but GWU officials requested that the BZA put off a decision until its next regular meeting on April 6. In the meantime, negotiations between the University, the West End tenants, and the ANC are progressing. If all proceeds on schedule, there will be a special meeting of the ANC later this month to vote on the final agreement.

David Hamod, Vice President  
West End Tenants Association

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DAWN -- HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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# Sidewalk Talk

By Betty Olsen

Heard from EVERYONE that the Foggy Bottom Association Membership Parteeeee at the Grand Hotel this year was truly a success story. Where are we going next year, Henrietta?

Kirsten and I had to miss the party this year because we had plans to attend the Winter Carnival in Quebec, Canada. Funny enough, we had better weather there than you did here. All snow, fluffy kind, about 3 and half feet of it, but all the roads were clear and outside of it being cold it was beautiful. Very little ice there, only on the walkway at the Chateau Frontenac at the promenade overlooking the almost frozen St. Lawrence River. We left early Thursday morning before the ice storm moved in here. See, you should have gone with us. You probably had more difficulty crossing K street than we did driving 1500 miles round trip.

Ellie Becker flew to Atlanta to

see her grand nephew. "I last saw him at his baptism," she explained, "and he's almost three years old now." Time waits for no one eh, Ellie? She enjoyed visiting his older brother and his parents too.

During a recent jog President Bill Clinton wound up in Foggy Bottom on a street that didn't run through so he had to back up. Hear that the one-way was Queen Anne's Lane.

New residents of St. Mary's Court are Catherine Allen, Leonard Koffler, Lenora Harverson and Gladys Reid.

Was talking to Sean Connery, I mean Ed Mulrenin, on the Sidewalk recently. I chided him that I hadn't heard from him since I mentioned in this column that with a beard he looked like Connery and I at least expected eight dozen red roses for the comparison. But then I decided since I hadn't received them, he might be a Kevin

Costner fan. He responded with a hearty laugh and twinkling eyes and said that several had mentioned it to him and when he saw it he clipped the column for a keepsake. In fact, he said, several people on his travels with the Federal Reserve came up and asked him if he was Sean Connery. He found that his beard didn't look quite as good as Sean's so he found a photo of the actor and taped it next to the mirror and trims his like Connery. Mulrenin is the tall, dark and handsome guy in his own right who walks two German Shepherds around the neighborhood. When you see him next time smile broadly at the trio if you agree that he looks like Sean Connery — I already have and plan to do so again and again.

Dr. JoAnn Hatem and Brewster her Newfoundland dog have moved to Foggy Bottom's I Street. Brewster you have to see to believe — he's so macho. All black and white . . . Hatem tells me that his father was Canadian and his mother was from right around home, Virginia. Seems like the Newfoundland was originally black and white but there was a section of this country which had all black ones which proved to be more in demand. Most that you

will see are all black with a longer face than Brewster's original blunter face. He is so gorgeous even as down as he has been lately from back leg surgery. Seems he misstepped one day and tore the ligaments in it so it required two surgeries; he is recuperating passively at his new residence, all 100 pounds of him. Visited with Hatem recently on the sidewalks of Foggy Bottom and found out that they had lived on a farm in Pennsylvania before moving here to the city. Brewster is still adapting to the city life but JoAnn is busily engaged at a Georgetown Medical facility. Welcome, JoAnn and Brewster.

Claire Ciftci is recuperating from foot surgery. It is as you've heard hard to keep a good woman down so Ciftci is again up and around handling her nursing duties. Ciftci is always so buesssy and is the mistress of Nikki, the white teacup poodle.

Bob Brewster took some time off to journey to Mexico to check on the digs there. Brewster went to college at the University of Mexico and while there learned the language muy bien.

Sara Maddux recently entertained her sister, Mary Anne, and her daughter Samantha. A trip to the zoo to see the baby

elephant was on the to do list at this writing.

Darrell Rumsey and Mel Maeda motored to Roanoke, Virginia recently to take part in the Miss Virginia Scholarship Pageant. Both have worked with the Miss America organization as judges etc., in the past.

We quote Shakespeare almost every day without knowing it. "I'll not budge an inch" (The Taming of the Shew) . . . "It was Greek to me" (Julius Caesar) . . . "Love is blind" (The Merchant of Venice) . . . "Give the Devil his due" (Henry IV) . . . "'Tis neither here nor there" (Henry IV). Now, isn't it always nice to know that you're more learned than you thought? (Sidewalk Talk) . . .

Neighbors on Eye Street will be saying goodbye this month to Edith and Heinz Diedricksen who are returning to their home in Germany. Heinz has headed the Lufthansa office here for seven years and has been an especially good friend to United Church. Going along will be one of the cutest canines in the area, a Shih Tsu named Tenno.

Mike Stevenson headed to Jamaica recently. Don't you wish that you had retired from US Air with flight privileges?

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## Rennie Remembers....



It was an appropriate day to visit the house and tombstone of Edgar Allan Poe, the much-praised yet much-maligned poet/mystery writer. It was a bleak, rainy day — perfect! With other Smithsonian RAP members, I went on a bus tour to historic Baltimore, planning to see Poe's house; the Westminster Hall and adjacent cemetery, the gravesite of Poe; the Lexington Market; the Green Mount Cemetery, where Poe was originally buried; and Fell's Point, oldest section of the city.

Rosemary Knowler, a Baltimorean/actress, was a charming and informative guide, briefing us on the bus before our scheduled stops. At the small, two-story rowhouse at 203 North Amity Street, Jeff Jerome was our guide. He escorted us through the tiny rooms which had been occupied by Poe (orphaned at age 5), his aunt Maria Poe Clem and her daughter Virginia, whom Poe married when she was only 14 years old. (It was not unusual in the Victorian period for women to marry at a very young age.) The nondescript house reflected the obvious poverty to which the

three relatives were subjected during 1932 through 1835.

Despite the emotional baggage that Poe carried till the end of his life at age 40 (1849), he had written hundreds of book reviews in Richmond, Baltimore, Boston, New York, etc. as well as many poems and stories, such as the famous "The Raven," "Telltale Heart," and "The Gold Bug." Tuberculosis caused the too-early deaths of his beloved mother, his wife, his aunt and his foster mother, who was quite fond of Poe even though her merchant-husband verbally abused Poe most of his life. (There are several good biographies one can read about his tragic experiences including those with this foster father, by the way.)

We then drove over to Westminster Hall, formerly a Presbyterian Church, and the adjacent cemetery, where Poe, wife Virginia and Aunt Maria are buried. Since 1949, on January 19th — Poe's birthday — a man dressed in black lays three fresh red roses and a bottle of cognac in front of the tombstone. Jeff told us that reporters and he have spied on this gentleman at midnight on January 19th, but did not approach him nor intended to identify him to the public. So it's still a secret after all these years that he's been paying homage to Poe, and no one knows who HE is!

We were ushered into the Hall, where we were entertained

by an excellent actor dressed like Poe, i.e., black suit, black hat, black cane, black shoes and black moustache, even black hair and eyes. He enacted a bit of "The Telltale Heart," which I didn't appreciate as it reminded me of the dreadful revelations of Jeffrey Dahmer's acts. We walked below to the catacombs to view older burial plots and tombstones of the 1600s and 1700s.

It was shocking to learn that, before the 20th century, embalming was not done after death, and though declared dead sometimes the people really were not — to make certain, a string was tied around the finger or wrist of the corpse, then passed through a hole on top of the casket and attached to a bell that would ring or a flag that would move in case the person was alive after all! (One story was that a man, who had been buried under just a few feet of soil, actually clawed his way back up, poor soul!)

Next on the agenda was lunch at the oldest farmers' market, Lexington Market, where I went several times on my own years ago. Immediately I went over to Berger's Bakery counter for one of their delicious eclairs — largest ever made, I'd say, full of custard cream, yum yum (and only 89¢). I ate it after devouring the scrumptious crab cake and hot tea upstairs with some members of the tour. Managed to purchase a cheaply-priced box of fresh strawberries (\$1.49) to eat at home. Since the

market caters to "working-class people," I was informed, the prices are very affordable.

Rain was becoming quite heavy by the time we trekked through the huge Green Mount Cemetery, the original gravesite of the Poes; the tombstone is still there. I was handed an umbrella by two gals, which I gladly accepted as I had not brought one. Many famous people are buried in this cemetery, such as John Wilkes Booth, (he's in plot No. 71, according to the map). We boarded the bus for a short ride to the older section of the city, Fell's Point, a quaint 18th Century former shipbuilding town. Admiral William Fell of England settled there in 1730. Several buildings were pointed out that had been industrial-

types; also one of the oldest theatres in the USA, the Vagabond Theatre, being renovated by a local group for coming Broadway plays. At Bertha's Restaurant" (lovely decor) we were served pots of hot tea, tarts and cookies by two actresses of the local group, who were most gracious, giving us good service as well as a large map of the town. We left at twilight for D.C. It was dark and rainy when I left the Castle on the Mall. I ran toward the subway station, greeted by the ubiquitous beggar at the escalator. My day ended in a sombre note, too, I thought — like some of Poe's writings! "Nevermore, quote the Raven": "Take taxi next time, Rennie"!

Rennie Melonson

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by Betty Olsen

The Sidewalk Garden eatery is now open at the Intrigue Restaurant in the Inn at Foggy Bottom. It is located at the front of the Inn and serves drinks, morsels to go-along; lunch or desserts — all outdoors under umbrellas with a feel of the city but tucked into a secluded area of Foggy Bottom. Meet your friends there or stroll over together to take a respite from your day or evening. The Intrigue is located on New Hampshire Avenue between H and I Streets. Your host is **Ahmed Yaacobi**.

At 1993 tax time consider seven states that do not have a state income tax such as Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. The states of Tennessee and New Hampshire tax only interest and dividends. Five states still do not have sales taxes. They are Alaska, Delaware, Montana, New Hampshire and Oregon. Wagons — ho!

Ward 2 DC Councilmember **Jack Evans** became engaged on Valentine's Day to local businesswoman **Noel Soderberg**. The couple plan a September wedding and plan to live in Georgetown where Evans recently bought a home.

"The" Sharon came to the neighborhood last month to

visit at Francis Jr. High School and **John Ray** invited all to a talk down in SW. What's going on here? Could it be, just could it be election year?

It was a full house when Mrs. Foggybottom came to the last FBA meeting at St. Paul's Parish. She was awarded FBA membership for life, and, of course, THE item of haute couture, a Foggy Bottom T-shirt.

Through May 1, 1994, you can attend a show of "Mrs. Foggybottom and Friends" at The Marquee Lounge in the Omni Shoreham Hotel for a reduced rate of \$10 a person. The hotel has a \$3.00 minimum which goes along with the special rate to see the show. Call the box office at 202-745-1023 and make your reservations. This special offer is made to all in the Foggy Bottom and West End neighborhoods, courtesy of the troupe which entertained with their satirical program at last month's FBA meeting.

On April 25, **Tom Sherwood** will be guest speaker. He is a special special news reporter with Channel 4. If you have questions about the DC political scene he's the one to ask.

Casey's had a clever promotion for the Winter Olympics; depending on how much you

purchased you received amounts of services back after you won a gold, silver and or bronze in purchase power. Grand prize was a bottle of Dom Perignon champagne and two tickets to a Capitals game. Chuckle for the day . . . And remember . . . it doesn't matter if you win or lose . . . until you lose . . .

**Donnie McNeal**, a chef who worked the Foggy Bottom Festival and was seen often between kitchen tasks visiting with patrons at Casey's was killed by a drunk driver in December. He was the reason that popular Casey's wasn't present at last year's festival because McNeal had moved to another restaurant as chef by the end of last summer. McNeal, a people person, enjoyed working outings like the festival and Dan Kibler, owner and manager of Casey's, said he had not better take part without Donnie.

A chef's hat is located at the front of Casey's for funds to set up a scholarship in McNeal's name at the Culinary Institute.

## Court Denies FBA Appeal of IMF Decision

On March 15, the D.C. Court of Appeals denied the Foggy Bottom Association's (FBA) appeal challenging the Zoning Commission's approval for the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) modification of a planned unit development at 19th & G Streets, N.W. The FBA maintained that the proposed IMF project provided inadequate public benefits given the excessively large proposed development and that the D.C. Zoning Commission should have considered the negative impact of the relocation of Western Presbyterian Church's homeless feeding program to its new location at 24th & Virginia Avenue, NW.

The court ruled that the Zoning Commission, "guided by the Phase I order approving development of the entire square, could reexamine the Phase II trade-offs and conclude . . . that the IMF had met its burden for approval of the Phase III modifications." It concluded that the decision was not arbitrary, capricious nor an

abuse of discretion. Therefore the court would not reassess the merits of the decision.

The Court further concluded that, because the church was not an applicant before the Zoning Commission and its relocation was not offered as a public benefit in support of the proposed development, the Zoning Commission could decline to address the issue of the impact of the feeding program at its new site. The court decided that "the issues related to the church's operations at a different site were not germane to the (development) application."

With this ruling, the only remaining issue relating to the IMF development project concerns a proposed alley closing that must be approved by the D.C. City Council. On April 22nd, the Council is expected to hold hearings on this alley closing.

**Residents wishing to testify at the alley closing hearing should contact Council Chairman David Clarke's office.**



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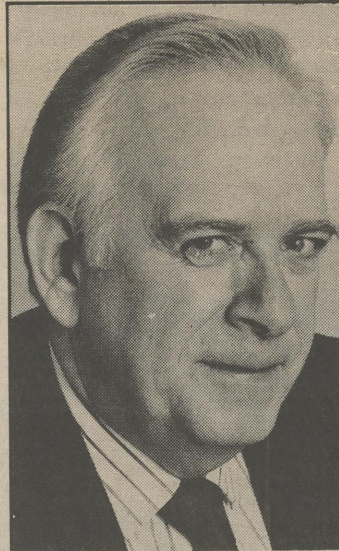
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## NCPC Endorses

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recommended that the height of the proposed building be reduced in accordance with the 1910 Height Act. The staff argued that the act was violated because the proposed penthouse for mechanical equipment was flush against the north and east walls of the building.

Several residents from the Foggy Bottom and West End community testified in opposition to the proposed project and formal requests for reconsideration have been filed by Marija Hughes and the Federation of Citizens

Associations of D.C. In addition to concerns about the height, residents are worried about possible negative health effects from electromagnetic emission from the proposed antennas.

Congressman Pete Stark, Chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia and a member of the NCPC, requested reopening the record and a delay of final action on the project. Stark endorses the NCPC staff position that the penthouse structure would violate the Height Limit Act, and asks the Zoning Commission to require compliance prior to approval of the project. The Zoning Commission declined his request because he had no party status.

## Mayor Town-Meets at Francis

Sharon Pratt Kelly held a "town meeting" at Francis Junior High School in February. It was staged with short notice, and was attended by city employees and citizens from various neighborhoods. Topics covered were public safety, children's issues, and finances (e.g., no across-the-board tax increases, and continued belt-tightening). Questions were wide-ranging, mostly concerning other neighborhoods. Several Georgetown issues were discussed, including a request for a municipal parking lot to replace parking spaces taken up by Harbourside Place. The mayor also spoke out against the previous administration, citing the mess that the government was left in.

## Brass Choir at United Church

The Randwangen Brass Choir from Nürtingen, Germany will begin a tour of the United States with three presentations at the United Church at 20th and G Streets, N.W. The ensemble will perform in concert at 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 31 and will also participate in the German-language *Karfreitag* (Good Friday) service at 12 noon on Friday, April 1 and the Good Friday English language service at 1:00 p.m. The public is invited to both events. Admission is free; an offering will be accepted.

## It Was Classic Jimmy

There he was, the feisty, 92-year-old Jimmy Molinelli, justly suspicious of a weekend construction crew attempting to cut a driveway for a nearby house. When he could not verify that the crew had proper permits and could not restrain them, he lay down in front of their equipment. By the end of the incident, D.C. and GWU police and a fire truck had joined the "discussion." Jimmy finally convinced them to stop the illegal construction. Way to go, Jimmy!

## Spring Bazaar at St. Paul's

St. Paul's annual spring bazaar and rummage sale will be held on Saturday, April 30, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Booths will include clothing, books, kitchenware, children's toys and games, white elephant items, luggage, antiques and housewares. Light luncheon fare will also be available. Donation of any items will be accepted at the church starting Monday, April 25. For more information call Charles Halty at 703-683-5604 after 7:00 p.m. or at 202-514-4692 (work).

## Items of Interest from the D.C. Register

by Barbara F. Kahlow

### Public Meeting

3/23 Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) on new George Washington University 93-unit (354 students) dormitory at 2350 H Street, NW (next to St. Mary's Court)

### Other Notices

2/11 Confirmation of 3 officials: Desa Sealy & Concha Johnson to the Historic Preservation Review Board, and Angel Clarens to the BZA

2/18 Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs for raze permit application for 1906 H Street (Western Presbyterian Church) & 700-19th Street, both in Square 120

2/25 Re-election of Maybelle Bennett & Jerrily Kress as Chair & Vice Chair of the Zoning Commission, and re-election of Angel Clarens as Chair & election of Craig Ellis as Vice Chair of the BZA

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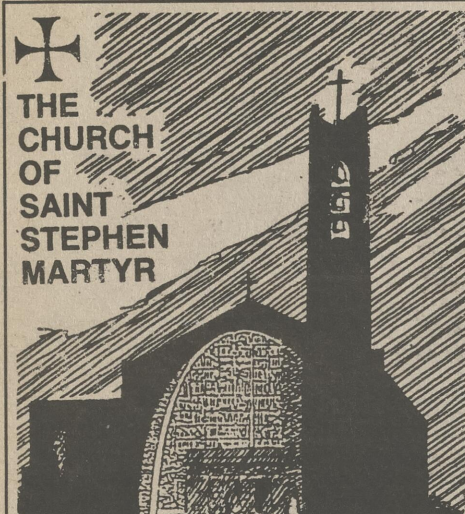
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## ANC 2A Highlights

### February 22 Special Meeting

Voted 6-0 to send a letter to the George Washington University requesting their participation in negotiations over the proposed Marvin Center renovation. The ANC estimated that the negotiations would take a maximum of 60 days to complete and codify into an agreement.

### February 29 Special Meeting

Voted 4-1, with Commissioner Lauda absent, to send a letter of intent to the George Washington University stating the basis for entering into a compromise over the proposed Marvin Center renovation. If an agreement is signed, the compromise would include an alternative design which would be less intrusive to the neighboring West End Apartments, and other construction and operating conditions approved by ANC 2A at their February 10 meeting. The alternative design was developed by an architect retained by the West End Tenants Association and partially funded through an ANC 2A grant. Commissioner Tyler opposed the motion.

### March 10 Regularly Scheduled Meeting

George Washington University Dormitory Project. Unanimously passed a resolution to support the proposed George Washington University dormitory at the



southwest corner of 24th and H Streets contingent on a 24-hour secretarial/message center to enhance building security. The dormitory would be 9 stories with 93 units and would accommodate 354 students. Two-bedroom apartments will comprise 90% of the units. If the dormitory is built, total on-campus housing capacity would increase to 3,240 or approximately 62% of total full-time undergraduate enrollment (5,200 students).

**2100 Pennsylvania Avenue Project.** Representatives from the International Finance Corporation (IFC) presented preliminary plans to build a commercial building at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, the site previously owned by the Peda Brothers and the subject of a controversial Planned Unit Development (PUD). The PUD has expired, and the proposed building would be "matter of right." Residents expressed concerns regarding landscaping, traffic, lack of retail, and proposed use of a public auditorium required as a condition of an alley closing on the site. A committee will be established and

# Neighborhood Datebook

**Monday, March 28:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting with D.C. Police Chief Fred Thomas as speaker. St. Paul's Parish Hall, 2430 K Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 1:** Spring Jazz Series session, with guest artist Ronnie Wells, jazz vocalist. Room B-120, 801 22nd Street, N.W. Musicians urged to bring their instruments and sit in. 12:00 noon.

**Friday, April 8:** Exhibition opening, "Ramparts of Ice," Antarctica photographs by Neelon Crawford, first full-time artist to work in Antarctica through the polar winter. National Academy of Sciences, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Exhibit open through June 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

**Friday, April 8:** Spring Jazz Series session, featuring John Albertson, GWU professor and jazz guitarist. Room B-120, 801 22nd Street, N.W. 12:00 noon.

**Thursday, April 14:** Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting, Lombardy Hotel, 2019 Eye Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, April 15:** Spring Jazz Series session, with Ricky Loza, GWU professor and jazz percussionist. Room B-120, 801 22nd Street, N.W. 12:00 noon.

**Sunday, April 17:** "Bach to Basics," a lecture-recital of music by J.S. Bach, presented by Dr. Stephen Ackert, United Church's organist.

organized by Commissioner Chris Lamb to address resident concerns with the developer. Residents interested in serving on the committee should contact Commissioner Lamb.

**Marvin Center Renovation.** Passed a motion 4-2 authorizing ANC 2A Chair Jean Swift and Commissioner Ed Kelly to proceed with negotiations with

Featured will be cellist Douglas Wolters, harpsichordist Vera Kuchanowsky and soprano Jo Unchapher. United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 20:** Lisner at Noon Concert, featuring "Slaveya," an ensemble of six women performing a capella Slovak and Balkan music. Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street, N.W. 12:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 20:** Meeting and discussion on "A New View of Economic Development," sponsored by the Baha'is, an independent world religious group. St. Mary's Court, 725 - 24th Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 21:** Readings by Local Authors, benefit for Literacy Volunteers of America-National Capital Area. Featured will be Patricia Browning Griffith and Maxine Clair, both on the faculty of George Washington University. Dimock Galley, 730 21st Street, N.W. \$15.00 in advance (387-1772) or at the door; contributions tax-deductible. Refreshments served. 6:30-9:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 22:** Spring Jazz Series session, featuring GW Latin Band with Lita Martinez, Brazilian vocalist. Room B-120, 801 22nd Street, N.W. 12:00 noon.

**Saturday, April 30:** Annual Spring Bazaar and Rummage Sale, St. Paul's Parish, 2430 K Street, N.W. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (See separate article in this issue.)

**dy Hotel for its gracious accommodation of the residents of Foggy Bottom and West End at ANC 2A meetings.**

Next ANC 2A meeting: Thursday, April 14th at 7:30. Location: Lombardy Hotel, 2019 I Street, NW. For more information, call 659-0011

George Washington University for a compromise agreement on the Marvin Center renovation consistent with the letter of intent passed at the February 29th special meeting (see above). Commissioners Tyler and Lauda opposed the motion.

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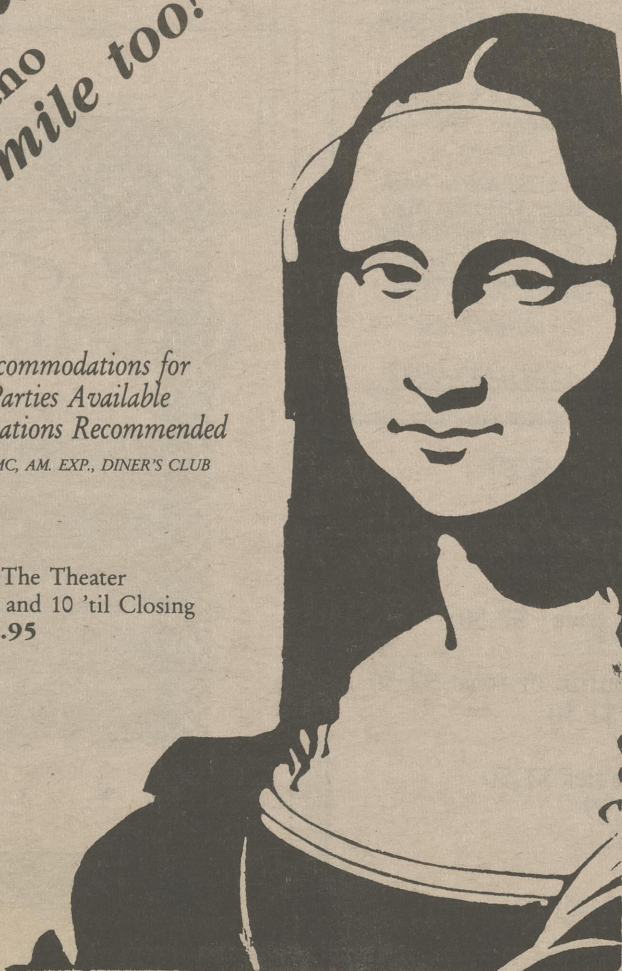
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